and the Minister is the Chariman of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. It is not that he has acted in an arbitrary manner. Till 1984 each regional office has about 25 to 30 Kendriya Vidyalayas. But now the number has increased so much. That is why the need is felt to have more regional offices and it is done in uniformity.

[*166. *The questioner (Shri Krishan Lal Sharma) was absent. For answer vide col.* 43 *infra*]

[*167. *The questioner (Chowdhry Hari Singh) was absent. For answer vide col.* 43 *infra*]

[*168. *The questioner (Shrimati Basanti Sarma) was absent. For answer vide col.* 45 *infra*]

Centenary Celebrations of Scientists

*169. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that this is the birth centenary year of three of our greatest Scientists, Prof. P.C. Mahalanabis, Prof. Meghnad Saha and Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose; and

(b) whether Government propose to celebrate the centenary year of these scientists; if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Centenary Year of Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose would commence only from January, 1994.

(b) Details are yet to be worked out.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Madam, my question is whether the Government is aware that the birth centenary of three of our greatest scientists, Prof. Mahalanobis, Prof. Meghnad Saha and Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose will be celebrated. The Government has mentioned only about Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose. What about the other two ? I would like to know whether the Government will celebrate their birth centenary because they also fall in the same year.

KUMARI SELJA : Madam, the Government itself does not celebrate all the birth centenaries. But if we get requests from various institutions, then certainly grant is given to them for celebrating these centenaries.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : I have been told that various institutes have already sent letters to the Government in this regard. I want to know whether the Government will consider it or not.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : She has already answered. If they send, they will consider it.

Question Hour is over

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

देश में बीज संबंधी अनुसंधान केन्द्र

*164. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हमारे देश में कुल कितने बीज संबंधी अनुसंधान केन्द्र हैं;

(ख) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान किये गये अनुसंधान कार्य और विकसित किये गये बीजों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और